



Oswestry School Summer Programme 2025

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Prospectus Brochure

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Oswestry Summer School

Director's Introduction

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Oswestry School takes enormous pride in running Summer and Easter programmes that are deliberately designed to replicate the experience of attending one of the UK's oldest and most prestigious schools.

Staffed by qualified Oswestry teachers, set on its idyllic, ancient site and underpinned by a bold, dynamic and unique academic programme, a child attending any one of our programmes and for however long, can look forward to making connections and memories that last a lifetime,

More than that, however, they can look forward to leaving their mark on the place too. Every aspect of our process, from the online onboarding meeting through to graduation, is designed to make them feel truly part of this very special community.

Maurice is Director of International Summer Schools at Oswestry. Having studied Classical Archaeology and Ancient History at St John's College, Oxford, he worked in senior roles in education for many years at some of the UK's best-known schools. He is also a published author.



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Weekday Programme

Mornings

Our summer school sessions start on Wednesdays (although we can be flexible where flights prevent pupils joining on these days) and pupils can stay for 1, 2 or 3 weeks.

On weekdays, pupils will have four academic lessons with a short break between the first two and the second. For advanced English speakers or those for whom English is a native language, these lessons will be built on our immersive curriculum topics. For others, they will have two immersive lessons and then two lessons of English language (Speaking and Listening and then Reading and Writing). All lessons are 40 minutes long and classes are divided by age (seniors and juniors) and then by English ability – assessed informally as part of our online on-boarding process.



Morning Schedule

Breakfast

Tutor Time

Assembly

Lesson 1

Lesson 2

Breaktime

Lesson 3

Lesson 4

Lunch

Curriculum Focus

Week 1: Science I

Week 2: Literature I

Week 3: Leadership

Week 4: Science II

Week 4: Literature II

Pupil Feedback

I want to go to Oswestry. The lessons are about real things that we need to know about and then the teacher asks us to be creative too so that we are working really hard to use our minds.

Senior Pupil 2024

I have never had such interesting lessons and learned about such interesting things. I think it is clever that the English is part of the things we are learning too, and this makes me use my English more.

Junior Pupil 2024



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Oswestry Summer School Weekday Programme

Afternoons

When lessons are over, pupils can look forward to an exciting programme of co-curricular options which runs throughout the afternoon. Pupils select their activities each morning from a range of options which cover sporting, creative and intellectual areas (although we do require that pupils select *one* active option each day. This year's activities included Fine Art, Music Composition, Kayaking, Basketball, Horse Riding, Rambling, Badminton, Basketball, Football, Cricket, Media, Cookery, Swimming, Drama and many more. These activities are often blended with our Oswestry School holiday club, which means there are plenty of opportunities for UK and International pupils to mingle.

On Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, pupils are taken on excursions to places of local and national cultural interest including the birthplaces of Shakespeare and Darwin as well as Oxford University.



Afternoon Schedule

Choice 1

Choice 2

Choice 3

Reflection

Supper

(Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays)

Excursions – Wednesdays, Fridays & Sundays

Week 1: Stratford-upon-Avon
Oxford University

Week 2: Victorian Town, Liverpool,
Shropshire Hills

Week 3: Shrewsbury, Welsh Coast,
Manchester

Week 4: Stratford-upon-Avon, Chester,
Oxford University

Week 5: Victorian Town, Liverpool,
Shropshire Hills

Pupil Feedback

I can choose anything I like in the morning and really push myself. This year I composed my own music and also learned to play football for the first time!

Senior Pupil 2024

I loved the art – I learned how to paint beautiful flowers and then after that I played badminton! There is always so much to do and I can always choose!

Junior Pupil 2024

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Activities Programme

Saturdays & Evenings

Saturdays are a unique feature of the Oswestry programme and we pride ourselves on doing something very different! The emphasis is on all pupils working together and producing something very special.

From putting on their own production of a play in a single day or mounting a Gala Concert through to solving problems in teams to quest after a legendary treasure – pupils gain in confidence and, most of all, have an enormous amount of fun!

The evening programme is no different – every evening has a planned activity, from whole-school discos through to sporting, creative and even cooking competitions, there is something to occupy every pupil for every minute of the day until they put their heads down on their pillows!



Evening Activities

Quiz Night

Nature Walk

Teambuilding

Art Competition

Sports Competition

Film Night

Ready, Steady, Cook!

Reading Competition

E-Sports Events

Saturdays – Big-Ticket Events

Week 1: PLAY IN A DAY

Week 2: RACE TO OSWALD'S TREASURE

Week 3: GALA CONCERT

Week 4: PLAY IN A DAY

Week 5: RACE TO OSWALD'S TREASURE

Pupil Feedback

Before I did this, I never did music before and I thought it was boring. Now I know that I can make my own music and I can feel it in my mind and it makes me very happy.

Senior Pupil 2024

The play was one of the best things I have ever done. I learned so much – but mainly I was laughing all the time and making so many new friends!

Junior Pupil 2024

Oswestry Summer School Pastoral Programme

Food and Accommodation

Every pupil joining the 2025 programme will have an online on-boarding meeting with the Programme Director. This not only helps us to assess your English (don't worry – there is no minimum level) but also helps us to make your stay with us as comfortable as possible!

Junior pupils will share rooms with two or three other pupils of their own age and will have access to excellent washing and showering facilities. Senior pupils can look forward to single or double rooms in our newly refurbished, state-of-the art boarding facility in Holbach House – giving a real sense of what university life will be like.

Our nationally recognised catering team provide three hot meals every day (except when there is an excursion) and there is always a choice of option. All intolerances and dietary requirements can be catered for.



Pupil Feedback

The food is the best. I never had so many choices before and it is always so different! My favourite was the Paella – it was great to see it being cooked outside!.

Senior Pupil 2024

I never felt homesick – not even once. The house was so warm and nice and the bed was so cosy and the teachers were always making it our home!

Junior Pupil 2024

Oswestry Summer School Programme Overview

All Activities at a Glance

Pupils can join to one, two or three weeks, arriving on any Wednesday of the programme. Pupils wishing to arrive on other weekdays can be accommodated, but may need to arrange their own airport transfers.

Junior pupils (8-11) follow the same timetable as seniors and join them for all trips. Their lessons and co-curricular activities are different.

Weeks 1 & 4

9th July – 15th July | 30th July – 5th August
Curriculum Focus: Science 1/Science 2

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
ARRIVAL DAY	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES	STRATFORD UPON AVON	PLAY IN A DAY	OXFORD UNIVERSITY	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES
Welcome Dinner	Quiz Night	RSC Production	Play Performance	Late Return	Art Competition	Nature Walk

Weeks 2 & 5

16th July – 22nd July | 6th August – 12th August
Curriculum Focus: Literature 1/Literature 2

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
LIVERPOOL	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES	VICTORIAN TOWN	RACE TO OSWALD'S TREASURE	SHROPSHIRE HILLS	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES
Film Night	Ready, Steady, Cook!	Olympic Games	Film Night	Disco Social	Reading Competition	OswesTV

Week 3

23rd July – 29th July
Curriculum Focus: Leadership

WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN	MON	TUE
MANCHESTER	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES	SHREWSBURY	GALA CONCERT	WELSH COAST	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES	LESSONS & ACTIVITIES
House Drama	MYO Pizza	Film Night	Concert	Late Return	Team Building	Graduation

Please note that this programme may be subject to change. Registered pupils will be informed of any significant alterations well in advance of the programme.



“... thank you for making me believe in myself and making me a part of Oswestry. I will never forget this time and everything I learned ...”

(2024 Pupil)

“... she has learned so much about herself and been so inspired by meeting so many different people in such an exciting environment – we can’t thank you enough ...”

(2024 Parent)

“ ... we have genuinely never seen a programme that is so full of activity and which the kids have enjoyed so much. We will be back next year!”

(2024 Agent)



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